

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of:

Application No.: 10/550,494 **Examiner:** Mark Hageman

Filing Date: June 30, 2006 **Art Unit:** 3653

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Attorney No.: MATZ3004/JEK **Confirmation No.:** 2909

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EXECUTING A MONEY DEPOSIT TRANSACTION

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

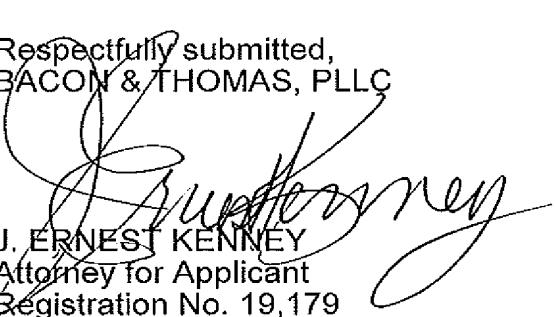
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Sir:

Applicant's attorney conducted a personal interview with the Examiner and the Supervisory Primary Examiner on March 9, 2010, in the course of which Applicant's attorney submitted arguments opposing the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) by the Examiner on the basis of U.S. 4,596,924 (Watanabe). More specifically, Applicant's attorney pointed out that Watanabe failed to disclose certain elements recited in the rejected claims, in particular the step of checking inserted bank notes during a deposit or money receiving portion of the deposit transaction by a checking device to determine fitness for circulation of the bank notes. Applicant's attorney pointed out that Watanabe only shows checking of bank notes for fitness during a cash returning portion of a banking transaction. The advantages of the claimed method and apparatus was explained to the Examiner by Applicant's attorney, in particular the advantage of checking the bills for fitness during a single money receiving portion of the deposit transaction. Applicant contested the Examiner's interpretation of the teachings of

Watanabe and the Examiner's interpretation of Applicant's claims to the extent that under the Examiner's interpretation of the claims, bank notes could be checked for fitness during a cash return portion of a deposit transaction.

Respectfully submitted,
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